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| AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 Address to: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | Attorney Docket Confirmation No. | BEAR006CIP 1637 |
| | First Named Inventor | Y. Kumagai |
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| | Group Art Unit | 1653 |
| | Examiner Name | C.M. Kam |
| | Title | <i>Integrin binding motif containing peptides and methods of treating skeletal diseases</i> |
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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated May 5, 2003 for which a three-month period for response was given, making this response due on or before August 5, 2003. ***A Petition for a three-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith, making this amendment due on or before November 5, 2003.*** Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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